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North Carolina Conference of the IPHC

OCTOBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

From The Desk of Bishop D. Chris Thompson ..... October 1, 2006

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- 2007 Conference Calendar
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OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH.....

I trust each of the North Carolina Conference churches will honor their pastors and spouses in October. The day designated is October 1st, but any day and EVERY DAY will do.

Today, more than ever before, men and women are seeking to follow God's will. New churches are starting up. Old churches are being revitalized. Yet in this day of great opportunity there is a major road block and/or hindrance. This new enthusiasm for God can be brought to a standstill. That roadblock is the strained relationship between pastors and their lay people.

At a time when society needs robust churches, hindrance must be removed or more pastors will quit, burn out, or become halfhearted keepers of a languishing institution. All this can be turned around. Poor relationships can be turned around. It can begin with one word—**appreciation.** It can begin with one individual.

I have always enjoyed being a pastor. I think one reason I enjoy being Bishop so much is because it is much like being a pastor AND I get to work with pastors.

Betty and I are blessed by all the churches we visit. We have great people; however, recently two churches really blessed. Thomas Chapel, Pastor Don and Dawn Zimmerman, had a Bishop's Day. We were treated royally with kind words, gifts, and a banquet meal. I preached and Betty sang. Smyrna Church, Pastor Jonathan and Felicia Griffin, invited us to come down on Saturday and speak to the Primetimers. On Sunday morning I preached. We had a private luncheon with the board. It was a great weekend. The church paid our expenses for the weekend and gave us a nice gift.

The word appreciation is such a nice word! However as many such words, it only becomes effective when it is used.

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Continuing Education Units

December will end this two year cycle for CEU's. Forty-eight are required for the full two years. Those who joined the Conference within the cycle will have a pro-rated schedule. All licensed (those not actively pursuing ordination) and ordained ministers (non-retired) are required to earn CEU credits. Those ministers who have not earned their minimum will be required to attend the School of Ministry until their requirement is met in order to maintain their credentials.

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PRAISE CORNER...

- For the Fall Vision Casting Conferences—the attendance broke all records. The staff did an excellent job.
- For a great Manual class at the School of Ministry (everyone needs to take these classes). Brother Gary Strickland did a superb job with the book of Romans.
- For the first service of Kingdom Place, Lumberton—an IPHC Church, Pastor Gary Strickland. 317 were present. Praise the Lord!
- For a great John Maxwell meeting in Dunn– approximately 1400 attended. (We had over 125)
- For a spirit anointed Men's Ministries Retreat! The Lord changed lives. Well Done, Director Ronnie Basden and staff!
- For the new Royal Ranger land—Camp Freedom. It was dedicated on Friday, September 22nd. Approximately 337 boys were present for the first POW WOW there. Well Done, Charles Boyd, Andre Davenport, and staff!
- For the Church Planter's School on September 22nd-23rd. Friday attendance—51. Saturday attendance—47. Well Done, Director Danny Nelson!
- For the building excitement of the Azusa Street East celebration scheduled for December 31st-January 3rd.
- For a fantastic Fresh Fire weekend—over 300 teenagers in Falcon.
- For the hard work of Patsy Deese and all the Women's Ministries ladies for Feast of Ingathering. The total is not yet finalized.
- For a fantastic 100th year celebration at the St. Paul Church, Greenville, on Sunday, September 17th.
- Sister Gloria Dixon praises the Lord for an excellent report on her Thyroid surgery.

PRAYER CORNER...

- Katherine Lucas—Moving
- J. Doner Lee
- Raleigh Horton
- Dianne Montague
- Myrtle Marshburn
- Keely Reynolds
- T.L. Byrd
- Betty Tolar
- Jobie Heath's Son—Joe-Liver Transplant
- Awilda Concepcion—Cancer Treatments
- Ted Johnson—Hospital
- Kathleen Williams
- Vernon and Eva Clark
- Clara Williams
- Harold and Frances Lewis
- Carlton Peele
- Kenneth Dixon—Hospital Trip
- Jesse Parson—Recent Stints
- Jimmy Guthrie—Aneurysm (Joe & Blonnie Mae Guthrie's Son)
- Mark Reynolds
- Daisy Morris
- Ella Whichard
- Gladys Johnson—Hospital
- W.M. Cordon
- Larry Smith—Back Surgery
- Christine Tyson
- Betty Dowdy
- Lois Brafford Bradshaw—Eye Surgery
- Randy Gentry—Son of Frank and Betty Gentry
- Lotis Joyner
- Haywood Price
- Sheila—Chemotherapy (Daughter of Sammy & Joyce Weaver)
- Faye Wheeler—Loss of her father
- Polishia Ethridge—Loss of her mother
- Horace Warwick—Knee Surgery
- Kathy Vaughan—Surgery—Tommy Vaughan's wife (Tommy works for NC Conference—grounds, etc.)
- Maurice Phelps—Back Treatments

Ministerial Changes....

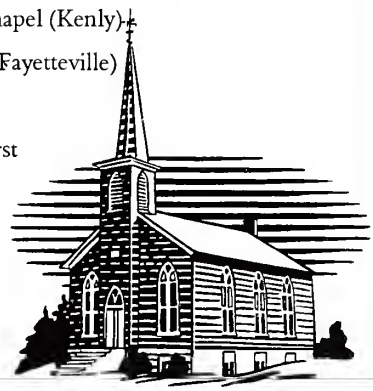
- Revs. Tony and Sandy Sasser of Goldsboro have withdrawn from Local Church Minister status. They are working over seas.
- Rev. Donald Conway of Greenville has been granted License.
- Rev. Jose Rodriquez has been given a Local Church Minister certificate.
- Rev. Maria Angulo of Dunn has been granted License. She is the wife of Pastor Fernando Angulo.
- Rev. Barry Blanton of Roanoke Rapids has been granted a Local Church Minister certificate.
- Rev. Jim Hilliard (Evangelist) has gone to heaven. His wife Carolyn may be reached at 7348 Barren Road NW, Roanoke, VA 24019. Brother Hilliard was used mightily in the NC Conference.
- Rev. Anthony Rogers has been seconded to the South Carolina Conference to pastor the Darlington Church.
- Rev. Sammy Weaver has retired from the Sharon Church. He is available for preaching opportunities.

Pastoral Changes....

- Rev. Dwight Dunning to Clinton First
- Rev. Dr. David Mosher to Baywood, Fayetteville
- Rev. Oris Hubbard to Sharon, Clinton
- Rev. Steve Wallingford is pastoring the Covenant Community Church—a new church in Sanford
- Rev. Gary Strickland is pastoring Kingdom Place—a new church in Lumberton
- Rev. David Eichacker is pastoring the Rocky Cross Holiness Church in Wendell

Open Churches...

- Wakelon
- New Covenant (Warrenton)
- Moores Chapel (Kenly)
- New Life (Fayetteville)
- Middlesex
- Sanford First



Leroy Evans:

Recently I have received several request on the status of Brother Leroy Evans. Brother Evans is not a clergy member of the North Carolina Conference.

New Conference Calendars:

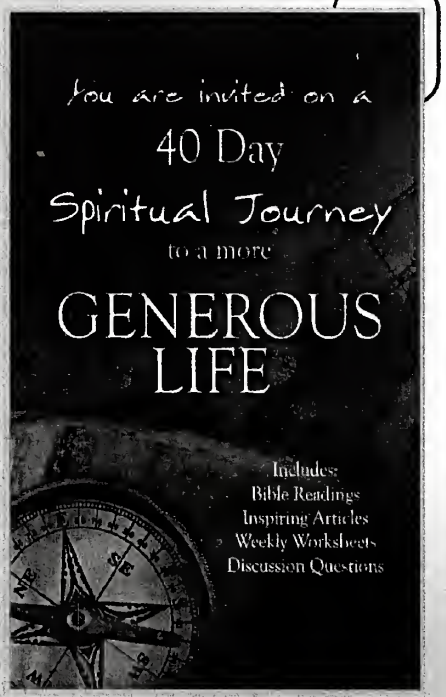
2007 Conference Calendars are available at the Conference Office. Please call CEM Secretary, Sarah Salter at (910) 980-1162 ext 107

Retirement:

Remember all licensed and ordained ministers (non-retired) your retirement payment this year went up to 2% of net income or $250 whichever is greater. Don't lose credit for the year. This program can be a great blessing to your future.

"The Generous Life"

Theme for 2007 Stewardship Emphasis



A six week spiritual journey each family can take comparing what the Bible says about a "Generous Life" with their own life style."

Weekly Emphasis:

Week 1:	Giving in view of your INCOME
Week 2:	Giving in view of your LIFESTYLE
Week 3:	Giving in view of your ASSETS
Week 4:	Giving in view of your past GIVING
Week 5:	Giving in view of your RESPONSE
Week 6:	Giving in view of your THANKS

Suggested Date: January 1st through February 11th

Each pastor will receive a promotional packet of material which contains a 40 day devotional that will be the foundation for the exciting Stewardship journey. The church can order additional copies of the devotional for each family interested in the 40 day journey.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS...

School of Ministry: Many Ministers Need More CEU's. This is an excellent opportunity.

October 6-7	I&II Corinthians	Speaker, Reverend Jim Whitfield
November 10-11	Pouring New Wine Into Old Wineskins	Speaker, Reverend Doyle Marley
December 8-9	Spiritual Disciplines	Speaker, Reverend John Parker

The charge for the classes will be $25 each. Food cost will be $15. These prices do not include books. For those ministers who attend the class and read the text, 10 CEUs may be earned. Please read the book and complete the study guide before coming to class. For information regarding the 2007 School of Ministry schedule contact Regenia Whitfield at 919-734-2674

Mission
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Ministry

Fall MPM Meetings with Bishop Thompson and Betty:

The topic for the ministers is "Dare to Dream". Betty will be meeting separately with the lady spouses. This is an excellent time for fellowship, food, and ministry. It is a strengthening time for those who attend. Two CEU's may be earned.

Oct 3	Lumberton	6:00 Meal at Sheff's Seafood – Main Street in Pembroke
		7:30 Meeting at Mount Olive Church, Pembroke, Pastor Lamarr Jackson
Oct 9	Wilmington	6:00 Meal at Wilson's Restaurant, 4925 New Centre Drive, Wilmington
		7:30 Meeting at Wilmington First Church, Pastor Paul Evans
Oct 17	Williamston	6:00 Catered Meal at Higher Ground Church
		7:30 Meeting at Higher Ground Church, Pastor David Bryan
Oct 18	Rocky Mount	9:30 Meeting at Ebenezer Church, Nashville, Pastor Vernon Potter
		11:45 Meal in the Fellowship Hall, Catered by Parker's
Oct 18	Hispanic District	TBA
Nov 2	Fayetteville	TBA
Nov 3	Clinton	TBA
Nov 6	Raleigh	TBA
Nov 14	Wilson	TBA

Harvest Train:

Make plans to attend the annual Harvest Train celebration on Tuesday, November 21st (always the Tuesday before Thanksgiving). The program will be excellent! There is plenty of room for all— New J.A. Culbreth Auditorium.

AZUSA STREET EAST:

December 31, 2006—January 3, 2007
Please keep praying. A brochure will be in your hands by the end of October. Pray that the Lord will "Do it again."

Piney Grove Restrooms:
The Piney Grove Board has approved the construction of new modern restrooms adjacent to the tabernacle. The estimated cost is $15,000 for materials, etc. (Most of the labor has been donated). Funds are needed by March 1, 2007 in order to finish completion by camp meeting 2007. Funds and/or pledges should be mailed, properly designated, to the North Carolina Conference office.

Octagon Tabernacle Restrooms:
Restrooms are presently in construction behind the Little Tabernacle (Octagon). They will be a welcomed addition and be serviceable for the Recreational Field.

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LOAN FUND

Ministers (Licensed and Ordained) and Churches take Notice! We need you to use the Conference Loan Fund, AND especially for your purchase of vehicles. The profit from a car loan can average $25/month. Just think, by purchasing a car through the loan fund, a minister can automatically make a good donation to the building projects. All can participate at that level. Profits from the loan fund go to fund the building projects of the Falcon Campus. Present loan rates areas follows:

6.5% on new vehicles for a maximum of 60 months
7.5% on new vehicles for a maximum of 48 months
Current real estate loans are at 6.5%

The current APR rates for deposits are as follows:

4.75% for 100,000 or more
4.5% for 50,000 to $99,999.00
3.5% for $10,000 to $49,999
Deposits under $10,000 will earn 3%

ANYONE may make deposits. However only ministers with the Conference (Licensed and Ordained) and Conference full-member churches may make loans.

Help us utilize the Loan Fund. Contact Loan Officer—Reverend Roland Harrell.